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## Preface

My book was written for every soul who has been in the storms — the tempests of trial, doubt, sickness, loss, and persecution. In the spirit of Apostolic Pentecostal preaching, centered on Acts 2:38 and the Jesus-Name, Oneness gospel, this volume is a pastoral exhortation and practical manual: a call to stand, a study of Scripture, and a handbook for persevering in The Apostolic faith. Its heart is simple: don't give up the ship.

Scripture focus (KJV)

Acts 2:38 — “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues .”

Acts 27:23–31; 27:43–44 — Paul's angelic reassurance and his command to remain on the ship.

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## Chapter 1 — Introduction:

### The Storms of Life and the Call to Stand

Brethren, storms come. The storm can be doubt that lashes the mind, sickness that weakens the body, loss that leaves us bereft, persecution that threatens the soul. The voice of the world says, "Abandon ship." The Spirit of the Lord says, "Hold fast." This book

is a lighthouse — pointing to Jesus is (Jehovah manifested in the flesh ), urging believers to stand firm in the Apostolic faith: repent, be baptized in Jesus' name, and receive the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues . When Paul stood in the storm and told the sailors and soldiers to stay aboard, he taught a spiritual principle: obedience and faith in God are the way through the tempest.

## Chapter 2 — Acts 2:38 — The Apostolic Basis for Salvation and Perseverance

Acts 2:38 is more than a baptismal formula; it is the core of Apostolic, Jesus-Name, Oneness doctrine and practice. Repentance turns the heart; baptism in the Name of The Lord Jesus Christ for the remissions identifies the believer with the Lord Jesus Christ ; the gift of Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues with Power and Perseverance. The Holy Ghost is the Lord Jesus Christ wind in the sails, the comforter and guide who keeps the ship true in the night.

Key thought: when a believer embraces Acts 2:38 obedience, he is equipped to endure. Baptism in Jesus' name is not a ritual escape from storm but the baptismal Regeneration in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ that identifies the believer with Lord Jesus Christ, whose power sustains through trials.

## Chapter 3 — Acts 27 — Paul’s Ship: The Story and the Sermon

### Summary of the incident (Acts 27):

- Paul, a prisoner, is aboard a ship bound for Italy.
- A violent storm (a tempest) arises and the voyage seems lost.
- In the night an angel stands by Paul (Acts 27:23–24) and says, “Be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.”
- Paul commands: “Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved.” (Acts 27:31)
- Discipline, obedience, and God’s deliverance: all come to shore safely (Acts 27:43–44).

### Sermonic Application:

- The angel’s voice is God’s promise; Paul’s voice is pastoral instruction.
- Don’t panic, don’t abandon the community (the ship). In times of trial, rash escapes can harm others and ourselves.
- Practical obedience (eating when hunger begins; taking counsel from Godly leaders) and trust in God’s promise produce deliverance — sometimes not in the way we expected, but in God’s sovereign protection.

## Chapter 4 — Old Testament Voices: Jehovah's People Who Wouldn't Quit

The Old Testament offers many examples of steadfastness — men and women who bore storms because they trusted Jehovah:

- Noah (Genesis 6–9): built the ark despite ridicule; stayed in God's provision.
- Abraham (Genesis/Romans): left home, waited on a promise.
- Joseph (Genesis): fidelity in slavery and prison.
- Moses (Exodus): leading through storms of rebellion.
- David (Psalms): trusting in God through persecutions.
- Daniel (Daniel 3, 6): remained steadfast before tyrants; Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego refused to bow.
- Job (Job 1–2; 13:15): remained faithful despite losses.

Application: These testimonies teach that God's people, guided by Jehovah's voice, persist through the worst. Their endurance is the heritage the New Testament urges us to claim in The Lord Jesus Christ.

## Chapter 5 — New Testament Voices: Jesus, the Apostles, and the Call to Endure

Jesus: John 16:33 — “In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” He promises victory and teaches fortitude.

The Apostles: Acts 4–5, 20–28 — Peter, Paul, Stephen, and others continued to preach despite threats, beatings, imprisonment, or martyrdom.

Key verses: Matthew 24:13; Romans 5:3–5; Hebrews 12:1–3; Revelation 2:10; Galatians 6:9; 1 Corinthians 15:58 — exhortations to persevere, to be steadfast and immovable.

Oneness emphasis: Jesus is (Jehovah manifest) is our Captain. The Oneness message insists that The Lord Jesus Christ is the God we worship in baptismal confession of the Lord Jesus Christ in Jesus Name water baptism is the very Lord Jesus Christ who walks on the sea, who calms the storm, and who strengthens us to remain aboard.

## Chapter 6 — “Don’t Give Up the Ship”: Fables, Tales, and Historical Illustrations

Biblical parables of persistence:

- The Persistent Widow (Luke 18): keep praying and trusting.

- The Friend at Midnight (Luke 11): persistence in prayer.

Classic fables and tales:

- The Tortoise and the Hare — steady faithfulness wins the race of life.
- The Little Engine That Could — the refrain “I think I can” as perseverance.

Historical and Seafaring Illustrations:

- Captain James Lawrence (War of 1812) — his dying command “Don’t give up the ship” became a naval motto for courage.
- Ernest Shackleton’s Endurance expedition — leadership, endurance, and miraculous survival amid shipwreck and Arctic ice. The ship’s name itself — Endurance — preaches the message.
- Missionary and martyr narratives — accounts of men and women who refused to abandon their calling under duress.

Application: Use these stories in Apostolic Pentecostal preaching and teaching to translate biblical truth into memorable examples. Historical examples show practical leadership qualities: faith, discipline, sacrificial care for others.

## Chapter 7 — Allegories, Analogies, and Poetic Meanings of the Ship

Symbols and what they teach:

- Ship = believer's life, the local church, or ministry.
- Storm = trials, persecution, temptation, doubt, illness.
- Captain/Helmsman = Jesus is (Jehovah), the Lord of the church.
- Crew = fellow believers; the call to mutual support.
- Anchor = hope (Hebrews 6:19).
- Rudder/helm = Scripture and prayer; steer by God's Word.
- Lifeboats/jumping ship = abandoning faith or running from responsibility.
- Throwing cargo = laying aside worldly burdens or sinful comforts to survive spiritually.
- Shipwreck = Christ's cross and resurrection still produce deliverance; sometimes ruin is beginning of salvation in God's hands.

Poetic exhortation: Don't give up the ship — not as stubbornness but as holy perseverance; anchor in Christ and obey His commands.

## Chapter 8 — Practical Application: Church Life, Prayer, Baptism, Healing, and Endurance

A pastoral handbook for the storms:

- Repent and be baptized in Jesus' name (Acts 2:38). Baptism is a decisive step of obedience that will identify you with the Lord and position you to receive the Holy Ghost.
- Seek the baptism in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking : pray, wait, and ask for the evidence and power of Pentecost to be enabled for witness and endurance.
- Stay in the ship: remain in fellowship; meet with the saints; submit to godly leadership.
- Eat and be strengthened: Paul urged the ship's passengers to take food when weak (Acts 27:33–36). Physically, mentally, spiritually nourish yourself.
- Share the burden: be the crew who rows, adjusts the sails, and prays.
- Discipline: the centurion's command maintained order. Maintain spiritual discipline: prayer, Word, fasting, and service.
- Trust God's promises: God sometimes gives an angel of reassurance. Hold to His Word.
- Expect deliverance in God's timing: deliverance may mean salvation, physical rescue, spiritual growth, or redirection — but God is faithful.

## Chapter 9 — Sermon Outline:

### “Don’t Give Up the Ship” — A Jesus’ Name Message

1. Opening Scripture: Acts 2:38 and Acts 27:23–31
2. Introduction: the storms of life and the ship metaphor
3. The Oneness Gospel: repentance, baptism in Jesus’ name, baptism in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues
4. Paul’s example: leadership, faith, obedience (Acts 27)
5. Old and New Testament witnesses: endurance modeled
6. Practical steps: stay aboard, feed, pray, obey, rely on God’s promise
7. Illustrations: Shackleton, Captain Lawrence, Tortoise and Hare
8. Call to action:
  - Repent now.
  - Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.
  - Come for the promise of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues .
  - Commit to remain aboard — your church, your calling, your testimony.
9. Closing prayer and an altar call for repentance, baptism, and Holy Ghost.

## Chapter 10 — Appendices

### Appendix A — Biblical Index: Persons and Passages that Teach Endurance

#### Old Testament:

- Genesis 6–9 (Noah), Genesis 37–50 (Joseph), Exodus (Moses), Joshua 1:6–9, Psalm 27:14, Isaiah 40:28–31, Daniel 3, Job 1–2, Lamentations 3:22–24.

#### New Testament:

- Matthew 24:13; John 16:33; Luke 11:5–10; Luke 18:1–8; Acts 2:38; Acts 4–5; Acts 16; Acts 27; Romans 5:3–5; Romans 8:35–39; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Galatians 6:9; Ephesians 6:13–18; Philippians 3:12–14; Colossians 1:11; Hebrews 6:19; Hebrews 10:36; Hebrews 12:1–3; James 1:2–4; 1 Peter 1:6–7; Revelation 2:10.

#### Appendix B — Who in Acts Didn't Give Up the Ship

- Paul — steadfast through shipwreck, beatings, imprisonment (Acts 27, 20–28).
- The centurion (Julius) — maintained order and would not abandon Paul.
- Peter and John — kept preaching after persecution (Acts 4–5).

- Stephen — faithful unto death (Acts 7).
- Silas and Timothy — companions who endured with Paul (Acts 16–20).

### Appendix C — Fables and Tales with “Don’t Give Up” Moral

- The Tortoise and the Hare — persistence vs. haste.
- The Little Engine That Could — self-belief and steady effort.
- Shackleton’s Endurance — leadership and moral courage.
- Captain James Lawrence — patriotic resolve: “Don’t give up the ship.”

### Appendix D — Baptismal Liturgy Jesus’ Name, Apostolic Pentecostal)

A suggested form:

- Call to Repentance: Scripture reading and exhortation to confess sin.
- Prayer of Repentance: Lead candidates in confession, renunciation of sin, and commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord.
- Baptismal Formula: “I baptize you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.”
- Immersion and Prayer: Immerse the candidate, pray and declare forgiveness and new birth.

- Promise of the Holy Ghost: Invite candidates to receive the Holy Ghost; pray for the baptism with the Holy Ghost and the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

## Appendix E — Study Questions for Small Groups

1. Read Acts 27. What did Paul do while others feared? How can we imitate him?
2. How does Acts 2:38 equip a believer to face storms?
3. Which Old Testament character most inspires you to “not give up the ship,” and why?
4. What practical steps will your small group take this week to support each other through trials?
5. How does the Oneness emphasis (Jesus as Jehovah) shape your confidence in deliverance?

## Appendix F — Hymns, Prayers, and Liturgies

- Suggested hymns and choruses that fit the theme: “How Firm a Foundation,” “It Is Well with My Soul,” “Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand,” Jesus-Name Pentecostal choruses about the Spirit’s power.
- A closing corporate prayer focused on repentance, baptism, and receiving the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues .

## Conclusion — A Final Exhortation

Beloved, “Don’t give up the ship” is a simple summons and a profound spiritual discipline. In the Apostolic Pentecostal, Jesus-Name, Oneness faith we say: repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence . When you take that step, you are not promised a life without storms, but you are promised the presence and power of the Lord — and His word to you in the storm may be the very same the angel spoke to Paul: “Be of good cheer; for God has granted you all that sail with you.” Stand fast. Keep the faith. Don’t give up the ship.

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